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S. P. M.

BY THEO. LARSEN.

Continued.

"All is well that ends well" and in order to make this old adage prove its consistency with regard to the eventful year of surcharged stamps in the Island of Miquelon, or whether it being a mere coincidence or possibly a forearrangement, we notice the authorities were bound to see the year out in good shape. On the 31st of December, (by the way, they could not surcharge any more that year) the grand finishing touch was put to three varieties of stamps. 1800 of the 75 centimes were surcharged with 05, 1500 of the 35 centimes with 05, and 13,500 of the 20 centimes with 05. The 05 on 75 centimes are already extremely difficult to obtain and command a ready sale at about $2.00 a piece. The 05 on 35 centimes are also quite difficult to obtain, although not so much as the 05 on 75. The 5 on 20, are, in consequence of the large number surcharged, among the commonest varieties. For the information of those who do not understand these stamps we would say that a used specimen of any variety is far more desirable and of much greater value than an unused one, and any collector who can show a complete set of used S. P. M. may be said to possess a gem worth looking at.

As a recapitulation of what has appeared under above heading S. P. M. we may say that the entire set consist of 14 varieties besides errors, and the total number of stamps surcharged being 81,000. The first lot were surcharged Jan. 6th, 1885, and the last lot Dec. 31st same year.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BUENOS AYRES.

BY S. R. S.

The CUAT° PS. (4 pesos), thus became CUAT° RS (4 reales), by forming an R out of the P of PS. This change having been badly executed, the major part of the stamps bear the form of the letter P.

The CINCO PS. (5 pesos was in like manner transformed into; IN PS, (1 peso), all the left hand part of the initial letter C of CINCO being scratched out, as also the two last letters of the word. The letter S of pesos, owing to some misadventure, remained; so that : IN PS. has been erroneously taken by collectors as the CIN PS., the abbreviation of CINCO PS. (5 pesos). The impression of these stamps having been ever ill-executed, especially after the alterations of the plates, it sometimes happened that the 1 peso blue exhibited nothing but the last stroke of the N and a small blot, giving it somewhat the appearance of a T. This anomaly suggested to some individual the idea of filling in the empty space by means of

the lettering CUA, inserted before the suppositious T. Unfortunately, (I am speaking of the type under my inspection), instead of terminating the word with an O, an S was put; a very grave error, making the word a contraction of cuatros, in lieu of cuatro. If any stamps exist orthographically correct, they are in no way more genuine on that account.

In pursuance of a fresh change the postage was fixed henceforward at 1 peso, 2 pesos, and 4 reales.

This opportunity was taken to replace the primitive type for the effigy of Liberty. These stamps were circulated September 3, 1859. They were 4 reales, green, on tinted paper; 1 peso, blue, on white paper; 2 peso, vermillion, on white paper. The green stamp was used in conjuction with the 1 peso, for letters of a certain weight, or singly for local postage.

On September 20th, 1862, the colours of the 1 and 2 pesos were changed, to make them accord with the corresponding values employed in the Argentine Republic; in consequence of which, the blue 1 peso was printed in pink, like the 5 centaros Argentine Republic of equivalent value. The vermillion 2 pesos then became blue, like the 10c. Argentine, and the green 4r. was suppressed. A franc is worth 4 pesos, more or less, and 8 reales makes a peso.

On the 21st of October, 1862, the post office authorities proposed the adoption of a uniform type for all the republic to the minister of the interior, D. Guillermo Rawson. This proposition being agreed to, the type of the effigy of of Liberty was suppressed, and the 5, 10 and 15 centaros stamps used by the Argentine Republic were provisionally employed.

The type that had been proposed in 1862 was put into circulation on the 17th of April, 1864. It bears the representation of Don Bernardino Riradaria, and is of three values, 5c. pink, 10c. green, and 15c. blue. They are now perforated; those first issued to the public had not that improvement.

'G. A.'

The gaucho stamps to which allusion has been made in the preceeding valuable article, and which has caused considerable discussions, many rejecting them altogether, were in circulation some ten or twelve days after the "Ships" issue and previous to the introduction of the "Head of Liberty."

Some writers have positively stated they have seen them postmarked. The value of these stamps were in reales and were adorned with a representation of a cavalier on horseback, they are of necessity remarkably rare, and few collectors are fortunate enough to possess a specimen.

S. R. S.

CANADA'S RAREST.

BY SULLEXAS.

A few years ago while traveling with a philatelic friend from New York to Boston, a most remarkable event took place which brought us in connection with the largest of Canadian Collectors. We were seated in the cabin on the second deck of the steamer *Pilgrim*, discussing philatelic matters in general, when a stranger entered, and, seating himself beside us, became much interested in our conversation. On my claiming

to be one of the two collectors in America who posessed used specimens of the 12 pence Canadian stamp, he became very talkative, and asked permission to see the stamp, which was granted, and placed in the palm of his hand. The stranger was examining the stamp very minutely when a gentleman happened to brush against him, carrying as we thought the stamp with him. This gentleman at once offered himself to be searched, which was done, but no trace of the stamp could be found.

A large number of the passengers, hearing of the affair, gathered around, and the suspicion was at once directed to the stranger. Who rising exclaimed, "Gentlemen, I refuse to be searched, but I give my word of honor that I know nothing whatever of your stamp more than yourselves."

Mourning my loss I retired to my state-room, and paced the floor for nearly an hour, when, suddenly, drawing my hand from my pocket something fluttered to the floor.

Stooping to pick it up, you can imagine my surprise and joy at beholding the gem of my collection again.

The stamp instead of being swept away had fallen in my own pocket. Having placed the stamp in my pocket book I hastened to inform the passengers of my recovery, and also to ask pardon of the gentleman so wrongly accused.

What was my astonishment on entering this gentleman's domains at seeing displayed a 12 penny stamp the image of my own. I knew then that I was in the presence of the famous Canadian collector.

Friend, said the Canadian, you now see the reason why I refused to be searched, had this stamp been found upon my person you would have sworn it to have been yours.

From this time forth we became fast friends and many a pleasant evening have we spent since together, often referring to the days of our Pilgrimage.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Regular meeting held Thursday evening, June 2nd, at the Tremont House; the President in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Bradt, Clark, Drury, Gailsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holtfodt, Hener, Mitchell, Pierce, Voute, Wilson and Wolsieffer. Various committee reports were received; likewise a number of communications, among the latter being a resolution of the Q C. P. S. in relation to the invention of the adhesive stamp, which, on motion of Mr. Wolsieffer was laid on the table. The following resolution was read:

Whereas: Certain reports have been circulated concerning the President, Vice-President, and Secretary and also the Official Journal of this, the Chicago Philatelic Society, which reports, if true, tend to shew that said officers and Official Journal, have so far usurped their positions as to attempt to manage the affairs of the Chicago Philatelic Society in such a manner as to promote their individual ends, regardless of the welfare of the Society, or which, if false, would indicate a spirit of malice in the person or persons having caused such reports to be circulated. Therefore be it

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Chicago Philatelic Society in regular session assembled, that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Official Journal

have in no way conducted themselves contrary to the wishes of the Society; but that in all respects they have fairly represented the same, and are entitled to the thanks of the Society for their untiring efforts in making it the successful organization it has become. But that the spirit which prompted the circulation of the unjust and unfounded reports before aluded to, is much to be regretted, and that their originator, if found to be a member of this Society, shall be called upon to answer charges of malicious and unbecoming conduct, and be it futher *Resolved:* That these resolutions be printed in the Official Journal of the Society, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Philatelic Press and Societies.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, the ayes and nays having been called for, so that the vote of each member should be a matter of record, the resolutions were adopted by the unanimous vote of the Society. After transacting some further business, and holding the auction sale, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting June 16th.

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MR. O'DELL, the Oshawa collector who "skipped" with over $25,000, some months ago, is said to be in Chicago.

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We are a little late this month, with this number, but not quite as far behind as some of our conterporaries, the May numbers of which we hope to see before the year is out.

Philately always seems to go down or rather to drop off about the middle of May, and remains at a low ebb until about the first of September, when all the various summer amusements are over, which detract so much from the love of our science. We must say that we find it rather irksome ourselves to remain indoors this fine weather, when we could so much better find enjoyment outside, but as we have got the interests of our subscribers to look after, we must content ourselves with our pen, ink and paper. Our subscription list is growing larger every month, but there is still lots of room for more, and in order to get the vacant space filled up, we will give to the party whose subscription reaches us first a 3d. Nova Scotia 1857. To the one reaching us tenth a set of 2, 2½, 5, 8 and 10c. d. p., Philippine Isles, and to the one reaching us twentieth a set of Newfoundland 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 10 cent. So now is your chance if you wish to secure some good stamps cheap.

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We intend shortly to devote a column to new issues. We have made arrangements with a party living in Germany to forward us a list each month, just as soon as they appear in the *Le Timbre Poste*, which will therefore enable us to have them sooner than most other publications.

TO CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

"The Undersigned Committee of Organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in Philately in Canada, to join with them in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association. Officers will be elected as soon as possible after all details have be arranged. All correspondence of those stamp collectors intending to join should be addressed to the Secy. *pro-tem*, at Ottawa, Can. The officers to be elected are a President, a Vice-President for each Province, a

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Sec'y. *pro. tem.*

The above circular has been sent us for publication by Mr. Hooper, and it is with the greatest of pleasure that we insert it in this number of our paper, hoping that if it is decided to start a Canadian Philatelic Association it will be a success, but at the same time we are rather doubtful if it is practicable to successfully run an Association, such as the above circular implies. In the United States the A. P. A. has not proved the success that it was anticipated it would, in fact it is a sort of a white elephant on the hands of the originators. It has now been in existence about 1 year and has only got a membership of about 300. Now as we all know Canada has not one-fiftieth part of the Philatelists that the U. S. has, therefore we hardly think it possible to make a success of such an association. However, as we before stated, if it is decided to start a Canadian Philatelic Association, we hope that it will be a success, and we will do all in our power to help it become so. There are some good men in Canada, such as Mr. Hechler of Halifax, Mr. Morrell of Toronto, and others, who, if they would take hold of it, would undoubtedly make the thing succeed.

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ODD NOTES.

Mr. Henry Hechler, our prominent stamp and coin dealer, has been elected as an Alderman for the City of Halifax in a recent election.

Henry Clotz, of New York, has been appointed Superintendent of the Exchange Department of the A. P. A. We wish him every success in his new position.

Since the philatelists of Halifax will not form a philatelic Society of their own, we trust that if it is decided to start a Canadian Philatelic Society they will give it all the help that they can.

We would like to see some of our contemporaries give a little more space to good philatelic articles, and not devote so much to wrangling about subjects that are not in our line at all.

Cuba has issued a provisional stamp. It consists of one of the regular stamps cut into and used as a half of the original value.

There are quite a number of people who owe us sundry small amounts, who, if they do not show up before next number will be entitled to a prominent position on our Black List.

Messrs Larsen Bros. of this city intend entering upon the wholesale business of stamps, post cards, etc. They are now importing a large stock, and will open business about September next.

The Philatelic Gazette has lit upon another firm dealing in counterfeit stamps. Verily they are becoming a terror to evil doers.

The American Philatelist is no more, that is as the official organ of the A. P. A. The board of management have decided that the *Western Philatelist* be the paper to represent the A. P. A., but the vote of the members gave a preference to the *Philatelic Journal of America.*

In a vote recently taken by *The Western Philatelist*, as to which is the best philatelic paper, it resulted as follows.

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We do not know if all the other philatelic papers named, accept the position designated them by the *subscribers* of the *Western Philatelist*, but we certainly think that if any other of the papers took a vote it would naturally result in placing their own paper at the head of the list. We presume that all the other papers who have got no place, are no good at all, and might as well be dispensed with.

The Quaker City Philatelist Society have got themselves into a pretty tight place, in regard to the stand they have taken concerning the Chalmers' Hill controversy, and we are afraid that they will have to bring forth some stronger arguments than they have done to get out of it.

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